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In re Patent Application of:
Laura A. Bedzyk et al.

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For: NATURAL PROMOTERS FOR GENE
EXPRESSION AND METABOLIC
MONITORING IN BACILLUS SPECIES

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 12, 2005 (Paper No. Mail Date 105). Concurrently herewith, Applicants have petitioned for a one-month extension of time and have paid the appropriate fee. Consequently, this response is timely filed by May 12, 2005. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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